

No. R-440. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator John C. Page of Bennington and his wife, Marjorie Page.

(H.C.R.363)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, John Page's extensive career as an agricultural educator, combined with his multifaceted civic leadership, gave him a unique perspective on life in Vermont, and

Whereas, his primary schooling took place in Lamoille County, where his parents were subsistence farmers during the Great Depression, and he attended the Vermont State School of Agriculture in Randolph Center, and

Whereas, John Page served in Europe as a U.S. Army field artillery sergeant and military police officer during World War II, seeing the horrors of the Nazi death camps and guarding both the local population and valuable art treasures in Vienna in the war's immediate aftermath, and

Whereas, once home in Vermont, he earned an undergraduate degree in agronomy from the University of Vermont (UVM) and then a master's from Ohio State University, and

Whereas, after working briefly for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, John Page began a three-decade plus role as the UVM Agricultural Extension Agent in Bennington County, and

Whereas, John Page's professional duties led to his collaboration with local farmers and agricultural organizations, including the Farm Bureau and the Grange, and in his frequent WBTN Radio reports, he always reminded listeners, "don't forget to drink your milk," and

Whereas, in recognition of his distinguished service, the UVM Extension Service awarded John Page the Sinclair Cup, and

Whereas, he cofounded and served on the Bennington Regional Planning Commission, served on the Vermont Environmental Board, and was instrumental in the planting of many trees in downtown Bennington, and

Whereas, John Page was a Bennington poll worker, justice of the peace, State Representative (1987–1988), and State Senator (1989–1992), and

Whereas, he was president of the Board of Directors of the Merck Forest Foundation, a trustee of the Second Congregational Church in Bennington, and held memberships in several fraternal organizations, and

Whereas, on September 7, 2015, John Page died at 91 years of age, and his wife of 59 years, Marjorie, died on November 9, 2015, and their survivors include their children, Sarah, Nancy, Mark, and Paul, five grandchildren, and his brother, Charles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the Page family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of John Page's family.